

**Presbytery Resolution for
Merger of _____ Presbyterian Church in _____ and
_____ Presbyterian Church in _____**

The Committee on Ministry recommends that _____ Presbytery approves the following resolution to establish an Administrative Commission in conjunction with a proposed merger of _____ Presbyterian Church in _____ and _____ Presbyterian Church in _____:

WHEREAS, on date, the congregation of _____ Presbyterian Church in _____ approved a resolution from the session to merge with _____ Presbyterian Church in _____, and;

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WHEREAS, both congregations desire that an Administrative Commission be appointed by presbytery to work in conjunction with both sessions to pursue their merger, and;

WHEREAS, the sessions, or designees of the sessions, shall design a Plan of Union in consultation with the Administrative Commission appointed by the Presbytery;

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That an Administrative Commission be appointed to work in conjunction with the Sessions of both congregations, and with any joint Session that may be formed in the future, for the purpose of working with both congregations as they develop and implement the Plan for Union, and;
2. That the Administrative Commission shall consider and conclude all matters referred to it by the Presbytery and in fulfillment of the Plan for Union, with the power to dissolve, merge and create, pursuant to the Plan of Union.
3. That the Moderator of Presbytery is directed to appoint no fewer than seven members to establish the Administrative Commission in accordance with the Book of Order G-9.0504b.
4. That the Plan for Union will provide for:
 - a. the formation of the session of the new merged congregation;

- b. any transfer of current assets, including property, real and personal, with the new congregation as the successor in interest so that any testimonial, trust or foundation gifts are received by the successor congregation, with all property held in trust for the use and benefit of the Presbyterian Church (USA), pursuant to Chapter 8 of the *Book of Order*;
 - c. the handling and disposition of personal property;
 - d. the initial pastoral staffing plan, bringing recommendations to the Committee on Ministry for final action;
 - e. the process for the vote on the Plan for Union and for adopting bylaws and Articles of Incorporation for the new congregation; the name of the new merged congregation; the empowerment of the new session to create a new corporation including the Articles of Incorporation and/or bylaws of the corporation to accurately describe the new congregation;
 - f. the placing of the responsibility for planning the final services of the two congregations as separate congregations as well as the planning of the initial service of the merged congregation;
5. That the Administrative Commission shall have authority to convene the current and new Sessions as needed;
 6. That the Administrative Commission shall have the authority to make whatever additional recommendations to the Presbytery it deems necessary for the mission fulfillment and spiritual welfare of the members of the former and new church;
 7. That full records of all proceeding be kept and submitted to the Presbytery to be incorporated as a part of the minutes of the Presbytery
 8. That progress reports of the work of the Administrative Commission be given to the Presbytery on a regular basis, with a final report to be given when the merger is complete.
 9. That the Presbytery keep the _____ Presbyterian Church and _____ Presbyterian Church, their pastoral and lay leadership, and the Administrative Commission in prayer during this time of transition and celebration of a new call to ministry together.